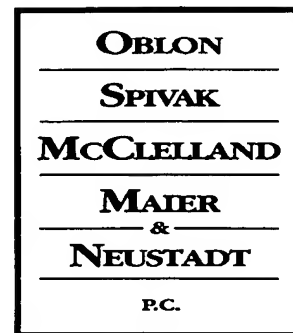




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DEVELOPMENT METHOD, TRANSFER METHOD,
AND PROCESS CARTRIDGE USING THE TONER

Group Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: J.L. GOODROW

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Applicants submit herewith comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

The Examiner states, in the statement of reasons for allowance, that “the method of forming a toner is which an opposite charged surfactant is added after the emulsifying step is not taught in the prior art.”

Applicants submit that the Examiner’s statement is generally appropriate in regard to the invention as claimed in Claims 1-14 and 29-58.

However, Applicants respectfully point out that, in Claims 15-28, no such emulsifying step is included. Rather, in the invention of Claims 15-28, a second surface active agent having a polarity opposite to the polarity of the first surface active agent is added after the fusing step.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that a more accurate Examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance would be “the method of forming a toner in which an opposite charged surfactant is added after the emulsifying step or the fusing step is not taught in the prior art.”

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